

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 29, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12 were rejected, and Claims 2-10 and 12-20 were objected to.

Rejections of the Claims Under Statutory Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 11 have been rejected on the grounds of double patenting as being anticipated by Claims 1 and 2, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,268

Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The office action has indicated that Claims 2-10 and 12-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2-10 have been amended to include all elements and limitations of independent Claim 1. Since the Office Action has indicated that Claims 2-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (none), Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 2-10 are now allowable.

Claims 12-20 have been amended to include all elements and limitations of independent Claim 11. Since the Office Action has indicated that Claims 12-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim (claim 11) and any intervening claims (none), Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 12-20 are now allowable.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the remarks contained herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that may restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and that there be an early notice of allowance.

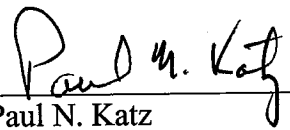
SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any and all fees due are charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 068354.1410.**

Respectfully submitted,

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